

PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q92227

Martin GIJS, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/561,439

Group Art Unit: 3729

Confirmation No.: 6377

Examiner: Minh N. Trinh

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING PARTS FOR PASSIVE ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS
AND PARTS PRODUCED

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This responds to the Restriction and Election of Species Requirement, dated September 19, 2008. In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-16 and 24-26 drawn to a method for examination. This election is made with traverse. For example, claims 17-23 relate to elements that could be obtained by the claimed method. It is the Examiner's opinion that the claimed elements could be obtained by another process using metal strips of copper, iron, etc. Such position is unreasonable since metal strips of copper or iron are not fragile metal strips.

This responds to the Election of Species Requirement, dated September 19, 2008. The Examiner has identified the application as containing claims directed to more than one distinct species. The Examiner has required the Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for

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prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted. The Examiner believes claim 1 is generic. Applicant has been advised that a response to this requirement shall include an identification of the species that is elected and a listing of all claims readable thereon.

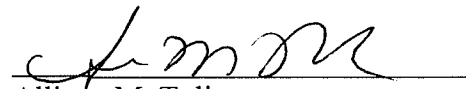
In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicant elects Species I, figure 1A for examination on which claims 1-8, 10-15, 24 and 25 are readable. This election is made with traverse. In particular, Applicant submits that the Examiner's restriction into species I-III is unreasonable. For example, claims 1-8, 10-15, 24 and 25 are also readable on Species II and III.

Applicant submits that if any of the elected claims is found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 9, 16-23 and 26.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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